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# AMERICA'S TRAGEDY: 30 YEARS OF TREASON!

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## ALL AMERICA MUST KNOW THE TERROR THAT IS UPON US

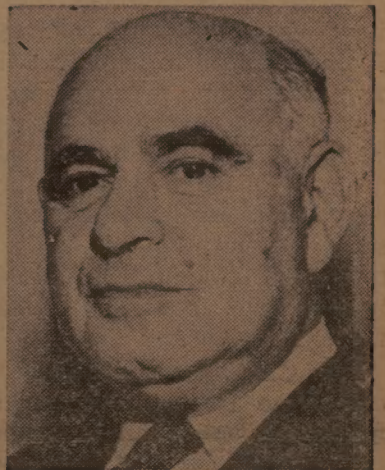
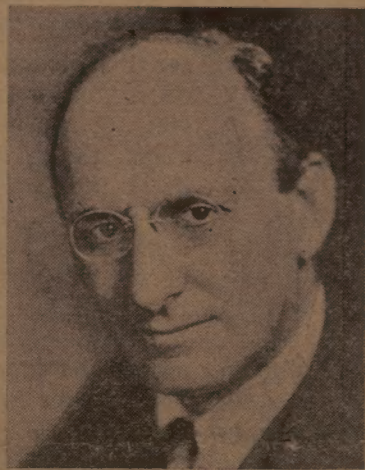
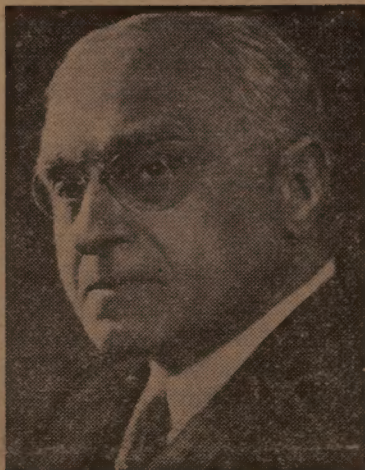
By Dr. REVILO P. OLIVER

You have doubtless seen the recent and cleverly advertised book entitled "What We Must Know About Communism" by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. It is a strange book. I cannot take time to analyze it or to discuss the possible motives for the author's silence about the most important parts of the vast web of subversion that extends from the humblest primary school to the highest court in our land. But I shall limit myself to matters that the Overstreets ignore or evade. And I can give only the most perfunctory summary of a few selected aspects of the terror that is upon us.

I first encountered Communists and their allies, the "liberal intellectuals," when I was a lad in college, and I then formed the impression of them that so many people of my generation still carry in their minds. The pro-Communists among my fellows were so childish and so ignorant! Many of them, to be sure, were glib enough in parroting the phrases and arguments they had heard or read, but they obviously belong to the group that worked hard only to avoid hard intellectual work. They talked, and they seemed to believe, Marxism, a crude and absurd superstition that can be taken seriously by no one who has any knowledge of human history and Occidental culture.

There were also a few members of the faculty who were obviously pro-Communist—remember that this was years and years ago, and the college in which I was an undergraduate was not so progressive as others even at that time—a few members of the faculty, I say, but they were all teaching the "science" of "education" or some similar bunk that was obviously a fraud on the public and an insult to the intelligence of an educated man. My friends and I thought the Commies, young and old, very funny.

We had all heard, of course, of what had happened in Russia, but we did not know then what everyone knows now, that the Bolshevik butchery in Russia had been organized in the United States, financed from the United States, and carried out by a gang of 1700 disciplined assassins, most of whom came from New York City. And in any case Russia was a distant and barbarous country, and nothing could be more ludicrous than a



The unholy triumvirate that ruled with an iron hand during the Roosevelt and Truman eras. The Chicago Tribune (May 28, 1950) called them the "SECRET GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S." They are:

**FELIX FRANKFURTER** "The man behind the men behind the President," who

suggestion that what happened there could conceivably happen here . . .

I spent the war mostly in Washington, in the most secret department of the Army, and my first shock virtually coincided with the beginning of my work there. One of our basic maxims was this: "Remember that everything that is known in the White House is known in the Kremlin." That was a shock at the time, although now, of course, everyone who has read at all about Communism knows that Roosevelt's assistant, **Lauchlin Currie**, a counterpart of the more recently infamous **Sherman Adams**, was a Communist agent and that he, with a trained corps of at least thirty traitors, presided over all the activities of the White House.

It was not until later that **Harry Hopkins**, the man who dispatched to Moscow all the plans for the atomic bomb together with the materials necessary to manufacture it, moved into the White House to supervise the work of treason.

At that time Washington was full of Communists, both domestic and foreign, and they had already obtained that complete control of most of the governmental bureaus that they have held ever since and progressively increased. It was a matter of common knowledge that in many of the civilian agencies only persons approved by the Communist party could hold offices of any responsibility. That is, of course, mere commonplace now, and, in informed circles, was mere commonplace then.

We all know, for example, that **Congressman Dies** of Texas happened to obtain photographs of a part of the Communist records which showed that 2500 members of just three governmental departments—State,

packed the Court and Government with Red agents.

**HENRY MORGENTHAU** Who gave our money plates to the U.S.S.R.

**HERBERT LEHMAN**, Infamous for pouring billions of UNRRA money into Red hands.

Justice, and Interior—were card-carrying members of the Communist Party. He took those records to **President Roosevelt**, who in one of those fits of almost insane temper to which he was so frequently subject, screamed out, "Many of my best friends are Communists!" and ordered the Congressman from the room.

It is not so generally known that a presidential order commanded the Naval Intelligence service immediately to cease all inquiry into the activities of Communists, whether domestic or alien, and to destroy all records concerning Communist traitors and spies.

Washington was in 1942 what it is today—a city in which, as one bureaucrat complacently assured me, "you've got to be a Communist to get anywhere." It was even a city in which it was dangerous to be an American. I was there during the obscene farce—in many ways a tragic farce—called the "Sedition Trial." Everyone in Washington knew that the one purpose of this trial was to intimidate Americans. Read about it sometime. Thirty men and women from all over the country, most of whom had never even heard of one another and who had in common only outspoken criticism of Communism, were hauled to Washington in handcuffs and leg irons, imprisoned in cells kept dark so that they could not read, and subjected to the most fantastic trial for conspiracy ever conducted outside Russia or an admittedly satellite state.

The presiding judge, **Eicher**, who had, I understand, been appointed on the demand of **Felix Frankfurter**, was one of the new breed of Federal judges, that is to say, viciously corrupt, and he finally died while under im-

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